CLAIMS

1. Use of a synthetic sulfated polysaccharide selected from the group consisting of sulfated cellulose derivatives and sulfated polyanionic polysaccharides for the preparation of a composition for the treatment of a chronic wound.

2. Use according to claim 1, wherein the sulfated polysaccharide is selected from the group consisting of sulfated hydroxyethyl cellulose, sulfated carboxymethyl cellulose and sulfated oxidized regenerated cellulose.

3. Use according to claim 2, wherein the sulfated polysaccharide is sulfated oxidized regenerated cellulose.

4. Use according to claim 1, wherein the sulfated polysaccharide is selected from the group consisting of sulfated alginates, sulfated pectins and sulfated hyaluronic acid.

5. Use according to claim 4, wherein the sulfated polysaccharide is a sulfated alginate.

6. Use according to any preceding claim, wherein the sulfated polysaccharide comprises an average of at least 0.1 sulfate groups for each saccharide residue of the polysaccharide.

7. Use according to claim 6, wherein the sulfated polysaccharide comprises an average of at least 1 sulfate group for each saccharide residue of the polysaccharide.

8. Use according to claim 1, ~~any preceding claim~~, wherein the sulfated polysaccharide has an average molecular weight in the range 25,000 to 250,000.

9. Use according to claim 1, ~~any preceding claim~~, wherein the sulfated polysaccharide is in the form of a woven, non-woven or knitted fabric.

10. Use according to claim 1, wherein the sulfated polysaccharide is in the form of a solid complex with collagen.

11. Use according to any preceding claim, wherein the sulfated polysaccharide is soluble in water to an extent of at least 10 g/l at 25°C.